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THREE GENERATIONS OF NAVAJO

The Tarble Arts Center was packed Friday to hear three women from the Native American Navajo tribe. The women spoke about the difficulties of keeping traditions alive in the modern world.

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Judi Vaughn, of Charleston, plays a reporter during "The Laramie Project" on Saturday in the Tarble Arts Center. Vaughn portrayed a total of nine roles in the play which tells the story of the aftermath of Matthew Shepard's death in the town of Laramie, Wyo.

ADDRESSING HATE

By Emily Zulz
Staff Reporter

Chronicling the events leading up to hate-crime victim Matthew Shepard's death, "The Laramie Project" opened this weekend

On Oct. 6, 1998, Matthew Shepard was found beaten and covered in dried blood except for one area — where he had been crying.

He was bound to a fence next to railroad tracks in Laramie, Wyo.

On Oct. 12, Shepard died.

The 21-year-old University of Wyoming student was the victim of an anti-gay hate crime.

These events inspired the play "The Laramie Project" that opened this weekend in the Tarble Arts Center.

Monica Mazzaro and Genie Lenihan co-directed the Charleston Community Theatre production.

The script of the play, by Moisés Kaufman and members of the Tectonic Theater Project, is based on 200 interviews the group conducted regarding the Laramie incident.

The characters in the play are based on citizens of Laramie and the script includes journal entries from the interviewees as well as news reports.

SEE LARAMIE, PAGE 5

'From Old Main to the Mansion'



Former Gov. Jim Edgar to speak about becoming governor

By Matt Hopf
Associate News Editor

EDGAR'S JOURNEY TO THE CAPITOL

- **Born in Oklahoma**, he moved to and was raised in Charleston.

- **Edgar started** his political career as Eastern's Student Body president.

- **Graduated from Eastern** in 1968 with his bachelor's in history.

- **In 1968, served as an aide** to the Illinois' General Assembly for two terms.

- **Between 1977 and 1979**, served as a member of the Illinois House of Representatives.

- **Secretary of State** from 1981 until 1991.

- **In 1991, Edgar took over as Illinois Governor** and held the position until 1999. His approval ratings when he left office were over 60 percent.

Serving two terms as governor, Jim Edgar said compromise was the most important part of the job.

"The key is realizing that you're not going to get everything you want, even if you're the governor, and that you have to take part in a little give-and-take," he said. "It seems like there's not a whole lot of give and take right now."

Giving the inaugural speech of the Edgar Speaker Series titled "From Old Main to the Mansion: Lessons Learned Along the Way," Edgar will speak at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

The Charleston High School and Eastern graduate plans to speak about his journey from student body president at Eastern to the Executive Mansion.

As governor from 1991-1999, Edgar described the school funding as the biggest compromise.

In 1996 and 1997, Edgar pushed for an increase to income tax and a lowering of property tax to create a minimal funding level for schools.

"In the end, I had to compromise," he said. "I didn't get an increase in the income tax or lowering of the property taxes. We did get some other substantial tax increases, so we could put money in for the poorer school districts."

SEE EDGAR, PAGE 2

Perry to meet, greet community

Preparing for his inauguration, Eastern's president will address Charleston today

By Dylan Divit
Activities Editor

Dan Nadler's first impression of new Eastern president Bill Perry has been a lasting one.

"The president is comfortable with any individual he encounters," said Nadler, the vice president for student affairs. "President Perry has a good sense of humor. He has the ability to laugh with others and at himself."

Perry, the 10th sitting president and former vice provost and math-

ematics professor at Texas A&M, took office as Eastern's president July 1. He is set to be inaugurated on Nov. 9.

As part of the inauguration events, Perry will greet the community today from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Neal Welcome Center, 860 W. Lincoln Ave.

All area residents are invited to attend today's presidential greeting.

"It is a very exciting time for student, faculty and staff," Nadler said.

Perry has been successfully

building and strengthening relationships on campus, in Charleston and in the region, Nadler said.

Along with his duties as president, Perry has been working on legislative, alumni and donor relations.

"He has an ambitious plan to help Eastern become a first choice, best-of-class university," said Jill Nilsen, Vice President for External Relations. "He has quickly become a member of the Eastern family."

Inauguration events continue Nov. 6 with staff and faculty events.



Bill Perry will hold a meet and greet today as one of the events leading up to his inauguration, which will be held on Nov. 9.

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Edgar hopes to inspire students

EDGAR, FROM PAGE 1

While Edgar did not get what he wanted, it was part of his duties. “You like all these things, but you’re not going to get them all,” he said. “What is the most important, and if giving (in) on one allows me to get something else, is that worthwhile?” “In this case, we were able to get the amount I wanted for education — just wasn’t quite the tax structure I wanted. But overall, I think we got 75 percent of what I really wanted to do, so I felt really good about that.” If Edgar held out for 100 percent, he wouldn’t have received it. “In a state like Illinois that’s very diverse, you’re going to have different points of view and you’ve got to be able to recognize that if you can get more than half of what you wanted, you’re ahead of the game,” he said. “So, that’s not a bad compromise.” “I’ll try to identify some lessons I’ve learned that I think are appropriate, whether you’re in government or just life in general,” he said. As student body president his senior year, Edgar said he learned how to deal with media and constituents, lobby the Student Senate and negotiate with the administration. The people were the most important asset from his term, especially when he ran for governor.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



The front page of the Eastern News on Feb. 2, 1968.

WHAT THE EASTERN NEWS SAID ABOUT EDGAR

After Jim Edgar left Eastern, the Eastern News wrote an editorial praising his work as student body president.

Friday, Feb. 2, 1968

“One of the most significant factors leading to success in this change has been the senate’s leadership. Student Body President Jim Edgar has guided it smoothly through the transition period.

The unique thing about Edgar’s leadership has been its impersonal nature. Edgar has realized the importance of delegating his authority and has stressed a separation of power between his executive role and his legislative role in the senate. Unlike some past Student Body

Presidents, Edgar has not wasted time with long-winded speeches and opinion giving, preferring to work behind the scenes to lay the groundwork for action by the senate. On the other hand Edgar has not been a weak president. He has the ability to be decisive but has not been domineering. He has remained conscious of political expediency without defeating his purposes. Today students will elect a successor who will have to continue Edgar’s task, but as one candidate said, “there won’t be another Edgar.”

“It seems every place I went I’d run into somebody who either, they had gone, their kids had gone or their nieces and nephews had gone to Eastern and they had mentioned me just because it was very novel to have somebody from Eastern that was a state-wide official when I was Secretary of State,” he said. To start the speaking series, Edgar and his wife, Brenda, donated \$150,000 to the university. The series will feature one speaker during the fall and spring semesters. The focus of the series will be state government, addressing current issues and historical implications.

Edgar and his wife are the first two speakers in the series so the gift can collect interest to pay for future speakers. Edgar graduated in 1968 with a degree in history and a minor in political science. Before he was elected governor, Edgar served in the Illinois House and served as Secretary of State from 1981-1991. “Hopefully, the lecture series ... will encourage other students to either take a very active interest or involvement, or at least have an understanding, of government, particularly state and local government,” he said.

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PCs: NECESSARY EVIL

The Daily Eastern News blogs on topics ranging from sports to world politics to music and more. **Today’s blog:** Kevin Kenealy with “If you like the Onion,” a comedic spin on the news.



GOV. JIM EDGAR

Associate News Editor Matt Hopf talked to former Illinois Gov. Jim Edgar about his time in Springfield, students’ involvement in politics and his upcoming speech at Eastern.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

Eastern’s women’s soccer team lost to Samford on Friday afternoon but beat Jacksonville State on Sunday to secure its spot in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament. Check out the slideshow from Friday’s game.

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Symphony gets Halloween spirit

Costumed orchestra members and children featured in 'Fright Night' event Sunday

By Ashley Mefford
Activities Reporter

Richard Rossi, conductor of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, has been conducting extra rehearsals because of two concerts taking place closely together for this fall semester.

"Fright Night," a Halloween-inspired concert, took place Sunday night. In a couple weeks, the symphony will be featured in another concert titled "Bach, Beethoven and Brahms."

"We have the hardest concert coming up," Rossi said.

Music from popular movies was featured during the concert. Orchestra members played from the movies "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" and "Raiders of the Lost Ark."

The concert was kid-friendly, and many children dressed up in their Halloween costumes.

They were brought onstage and judged on their outfits.

The children then paraded around the auditorium for the audience and judges.

Awards such as "Cutest Outfit" and "Scariest Outfit" were given out.

Jerry Daniels, professor of voice and coordinator of the performance area, was the storyteller for "Peter and the Wolf" while the symphony played the accompanying music in the background.

"It wouldn't be a story if we didn't have a storyteller," Rossi said.

During the song, all members of the story were a part of the symphony.

Peter was represented by the strings section; Peter's grandfather by the bassoon; the bird by the flute; the duck by the oboe; the cat by the clarinet; the wolf by the horns; and the hunters by the percussion section.

The children were again a part of the concert with a song from "Peer Gynt," called "In the Hall of the

It wouldn't be a story if we didn't have a storyteller."

Richard Rossi, conductor for the Symphony Orchestra, on the "Peter and the Wolf" storytelling piece

Mountain King."

"Peer Gynt" is a tall tale about irresponsible behavior," Rossi said.

Rossi then asked the children about what a tall-tale meant.

"To lie," the kids said.

The audience laughed at their answer because they knew it was true.

During the song, the children who were wearing costumes paraded around the auditorium for the second time.

But this time was different. The children paraded around the auditorium and matched the speed of the song.

When the song was slow, the kids would walk slowly; when the speed would increase, so would the children.

Sharon Walker, sophomore music education major, thought the concert was relatable for all audience members.

Walker is a member of the wind symphony and the marching band.

She liked that the character Harry Potter was shown on a screen during the last number.

The symphony's next concert will be Nov. 11 in the McAfee Auditorium.



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A member of the Eastern Symphony Orchestra, in a dwarf costume, performs "Peter and the Wolf" during Fright Fest on Sunday night in the McAfee South Auditorium. The orchestra also performed selected pieces from the movies "Raiders of the Lost Ark" and "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone".

Forum aims to destroy 'the closet' at Eastern

LGBT History Month continues with tonight's panel

By Barbara Harrington
Staff Reporter

Students will have the chance to "open up" and speak at tonight's panel discussion on homophobia and heterosexism at Eastern.

Doug DiBianco, music professor and adviser to EIU Pride, said it is important for students to discuss issues often considered taboo because it allows them to feel more comfortable with themselves and their environment.

The discussion, part of EIU Pride's observance of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History Month, begins at 8 p.m. in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Dan Koteski, senior history and journalism major and action director of Pride, said LGBT month is a celebration of the contributions LGBT people have made to the world.

It also commemorates the first three gay rights marches in Washington, D.C. The three marches took

I would say heterosexism builds the closet, and homophobia is the lock on the closet. It's what keeps people from coming out."

Dan Koteski, Pride action director

place in October.

Koteski said the panel will include members of Pride and possibly other members of the campus community.

The panel will review the university's general acceptance level of LGBT people and, in an effort to be accurate in their examination, Koteski said participants will look at different groups on campus, such as student government and campus media.

He said Eastern could not be categorized simply as a homophobic campus or a pro-LGBT campus because so many groups are involved.

Koteski said homophobia is an "irrational fear of homosexuality or

an irrational hatred of people who are homosexuals." He said this fear can sometimes result in malicious actions.

However, heterosexism is often unintentional.

Koteski said a teacher asking students to write down the names of their "mommy and daddy," or someone who sympathizes with gays because of their "illness" are examples of heterosexism.

"I would say heterosexism builds the closet, and homophobia is the lock on the closet," Koteski said. "It's what keeps people from coming out."

DiBianco said for students who are LGBT, opening up about sensitive issues is essential.

"So much of your life is spent hiding who you are and afraid to tell people about your orientation," DiBianco said. "And so when issues are discussed openly, it's a great joy."

DiBianco said he has been a victim of homophobia.

DiBianco was coming out of a gay bar in Champaign one night, and a police officer was standing nearby.

The officer told DiBianco to "keep moving, buddy." DiBianco said he felt harassed and did not know what to do.

"(Being gay is) as much a part of you as being left-handed or being of a certain skin color," he said. "These are things you are born with, and they're not choices, they're not preferences, it's not a lifestyle. It's just who you are."

DiBianco said he hopes the discussion tonight will help LGBT students feel more comfortable and aware of the atmosphere at Eastern.

He hopes non-LGBT students will walk away more open-minded and compassionate.

"If we don't talk about issues, we will continue to do these nasty things to each other without really any good reason," he said.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Get ethical: Deadline for training Wednesday

The final date for all faculty, staff and student workers to complete mandatory ethics training is Wednesday. The Illinois Ethics Act mandates the training.

Based on hours worked and date hired, some will need to complete the training online at <http://www.etcc.il.gov>, while others should complete the training through a booklet available at <http://www.eiu.edu/ethics>.

Those unsure of which training they need to complete should contact the Help Desk or Ethics Training Administrator, Sandy Bowman, at 581-6402 or sebowman@eiu.edu.

Record industry rep on campus today

Andrea Harley, co-national director of promotions for Atlantic Records, will discuss topics such as women in the music industry and how to stay consistent in an inconsistent field today at noon in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

After the speech, sponsored by the University Board, Special Events and Career Services, there will be question-and-answer time and an open forum discussion.

For more information go to www.eiu.edu/~uboard or contact Carly Evans at 581-5117 or cmevans2@pen.eiu.edu.

Registration for sophomores begins

Sophomores can register today. Freshman registration will start November 5.

For more information on registration schedules, late registration, off-campus courses and more go to <http://www.eiu.edu/~registra/steps.html> or call 581-3831.

BLOTTER

A Chevrolet pick-up truck was struck by another vehicle Oct. 19 while parked in the J lot.

Thomas J. Kelley, 19, of Chicago, was arrested on a charge of battery at 3 a.m. Oct. 19 at Carman Hall.

A 2003 Pontiac was damaged Oct. 22 while parked in the E lot.

A "men working" sign was stolen Oct. 23 near Old Main.

Two vehicle mirrors were damaged Oct. 24 in Greek Court lots.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

COLUMNIST INCORRECTLY
INTERPRETS THE BIBLE

I would like to share some concerns about the author’s misuse of scripture.

It’s obvious that Stephen Di Benedetto does not completely understand Matthew 7:1 when referencing it.

When read in context, it reminds us to be real about our own personal shortcomings when dealing with others.

It does not say “don’t address the sin of others.” Just do so being forthright about your own sins.

When citing Luke 7:1 and Matthew 19:19 Di Benedetto seems to not understand that love drives one to reach out and help or save others and we would hope to receive the same.

This is the point of the display. The crosses are an effort to educate the public that abortion isn’t a simple choice.

It’s an issue that concerns a human life. If the Catholic Church believed that abortion was murder and did nothing about it, then it would be heartless and hypocritical.

Unconditional, steadfast, and unmerited love drives us to act and sometimes that might mean offending another viewpoint.

When looking at a biblical model of love, that’s exactly what we have.

Jesus died to redeem sinful people who did not merit it.

Love drove him to sacrifice himself and confront the wrongdoing of all mankind.

The message is one of love but offends all those who wish not to hear of their shortcomings and deal with them.

I commend the Newman Center for living out their beliefs and recommend that Di Benedetto interview people at Newman before telling us what they believe.

Tim Boyce, Baptist College
Ministry Campus Minster

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DRAWN FROM THE NEWS | ADAM TEDDER



STAFF EDITORIAL

A change in the name
causes greater change

More than 200 Eastern students, representing nine recognized student organizations at Eastern, wandered around the city of Charleston around campus and helped clean up the streets this weekend.

The first part of a new program, “One Campus, One Community,” was tied into the city’s Fall Citywide Cleanup.

This is a good program that shows the community that some students at Eastern do care about how they are perceived.

Student government spearheaded the event, with student vice president for student affairs Rich Higginbotham taking the lead.

The program replaces Panther Service Days, which is effectively the same thing.

The change in names might seem superficial, but it does show an interest in integrating the campus with the community.

More than 12,000 students represent a large portion of the city’s population during the school months.

It may feel like the city perceives students as liabilities, and it is good that some students are trying to change that perception.

“One Campus, One Community” goes a long way in achieving a more harmonious co-existence.

Higginbotham said one of his goals in the event was to incorporate more RSOs in the program.

“It was a great start,” he said of the nine RSOs that were involved. “But there are still 182 organizations I want to get involved.”

Several potential problems exist when a campus and a community interact as much as they do in Charleston.

As students party and enjoy their weekends, they undoubtedly run into the local

EDITORIAL POLICY

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community.

Fourth, Sixth and Seventh streets are prime walkways that get revelers from campus to the bars on the square.

And what happens after the bars?

Students, some intoxicated, have to make their way back home, usually walking past the homes of Charleston residents.

Students can be loud, obnoxious, and even aggressive.

And this is how the nasty perception of

students develops.

But “One Campus, One Community” makes the community aware that students do care about care about the town-gown interaction.

At least one community member expressed gratitude to the students as they were cleaning up Saturday, Higginbotham said.

The next event will be held in November. Higginbotham said a food drive has been discussed, and may be decided on at the meeting tonight. That would be a great idea as the holidays approach.

But at the very least, the first part of the program was a success.

“One Campus, One Community” shows some students acknowledge that students as a whole aren’t always perfect temporary residents.

It is an excellent counter to how students negatively affect the city, and one that shows the good side of the students.

It can only be hoped more students turn out for upcoming events.



ASHLEY RUEFF

The news in a
whole new way

If I had to move away to a part of the country I was completely unfamiliar with, I’d move to Loudon County, Va.

Now, you’re thinking to yourself, “OK, tell me what is so great about this Loudon County?”

Oddly enough, I don’t know anything about the place.

All I know is the county is in the middle of the changing world of journalism, and that its community is going to be better because of it.

The interactive part of the Washington Post has created a Web site for the county with such detailed information that it blows my mind.

They’ve created databases about nearly everything you would need to know about in the community.

They took the time to speak with each and every restaurant, place of worship and school in the county to create databases full of information for its residents.

If you missed church on Sunday, you can navigate to your church’s information page and watch a recording of the morning service.

Or, when you hear that a band you’re interested in is playing in town next month, use the community calendar to request a reminder for the event and the Web site will call or text you with a reminder.

Then there’s the high school football info.

If your son is on the team, he’ll have his own information page with biographical and game information so you can see how he’s doing, even if you had to miss last Friday’s game.

This is all just crazy. The award-winning Washington Post actually sends out their reporters and photographers to take little Jimmy’s photo for its Web site and to cover the game like they’d cover the NFL.

They’re changing journalism by adding the details there was never any room for in the newspaper.

They’re not thinking in terms of newspapers anymore, but in terms of laptops, cell phones and any other way that people get their information.

They’re taking advantage of the infinite amount of space on the Web for sites to upload new information in ways newspapers’ print editions haven’t allowed.

This space means that not only can everyone consume and interact with the news, but they can be part of the news.

Such specialized journalism could be done in every town. We all could end up having our own mini encyclopedia-like Web pages that are woven into the town newspaper’s site.

We could all be a part of the news every day.

I knew journalism was changing and evolving with the Internet, but I had no idea just how different it could be from what we’re familiar with today.

I’d like to live in a town with a news Web site like this one.

My guess is within the next 10 years or so, my town’s newspaper Web site will look a lot like Loudon County’s Web site, no matter where I live.

Ashley Rueff is a senior journalism major and the senior reporter.

CITY

Charleston takes out the trash

Citywide cleanup project usually collects about 25 dumpsters worth of trash

By Michael Peterson
City Editor

Trash of all shapes and sizes was loaded into dumpster after dumpster by Charleston city workers Saturday using waste-handling bulldozers and even their bare hands.

Old couches, broken chairs and seemingly endless supply of trash bags filled the large, blue dumpsters to the brim.

Charleston residents took advantage of the annual Fall Citywide Cleanup.

The city provided Roll Off dumpsters, which are about 40 yards long, at Coles County Fairgrounds and the City Street Garage at no cost to the residents. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

residents could come and dump their trash for free. However, only Charleston residents and property owners were allowed to participate.

The city holds the cleanup twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring.

Paul Buerster, the foreman in charge of the cleanup, said Charleston has been doing the cleanup for almost 20 years.

“Years ago, we used to just put dumpsters around town for one day, but we outgrew that,” Buerster said.

He also added that on a normal cleanup day, participants fill about 25 Roll Off dumpsters.

While not many Eastern students are aware of the cleanup, most residents of Charleston know and take advantage of it.

“People pay for it with their taxes, so they use it,” Buerster said. “Sometimes when we really get going around in the morning we’ll get traffic backed up out to the street.”

While many types of trash were collect-

CAN’T DUMP THIS:

The city of Charleston doesn’t accept these items during the twice-yearly cleanups:

- Building materials
- Tires
- Liquids
- Car parts or construction debris that’s larger than one cubic yard
- Florescent light tubes
- Landscaping waste
- Batteries
- Burnt materials

scape waste to the Leaf and Limb drop-off site on West Madison Avenue. Also, household appliances had to be taken to Grose Appliance, located on 2310 W. State Street from 8 a.m. to noon.

There are workers for the city stationed at the two dumping sites who make sure everything stays organized and assist residents.

“We help people who can’t get the heavy stuff in the dumpsters and make sure that no one is dumping anything illegal,” said Troy Howell, a laborer for the city.

The cleanup is more popular in the spring, near the time when students start leaving for summer break, Buerster said. Property owners who rent to students often bring old couches, chairs, mattresses and carpeting, he said.

“It’s a good service to the community and it has been well received,” he said.

The Spring Citywide Cleanup will be on June 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the same locations.

‘Laramie’ presents powerful message

LARAMIE, FROM PAGE 1

Mazzaro, a seamstress, said the script addresses the issue from different sides.

“It’s not just coming from one perspective,” Mazzaro said. “I think that it’s such a complex issue that that’s the way to be true to this topic.”

Many characters portray Shepard’s friends; however, non-sympathetic characters are present as well. During the scene of Shepard’s funeral, a picketer is shown holding a sign that reads, “Matt in Hell.”

The cast includes Zoë Corso, Heather Holley, Andy Hudson, Dar’Keith Lofton, Matt Piescinski, Cathy Sheagren, Jimmy Tyrone Stewart, Judi Vaughn and Eastern student Tim Broeker.

Before the play starts, eight empty wooden chairs sit on the stage while coats, hats and bags of all of colors hang behind.

The cast enters, each dressed in a white shirt and a pair of khakis.

They change into characters by putting on different items that hang behind the chairs, allowing them to

play about 60 different people.

A police badge thrown around the neck suddenly transforms that actor into a police officer.

When a scarf is added, the actor becomes a theater teacher.

Sometimes just changing the accent or inflection of voice allows the actor to portray someone else.

The set comprises two podiums and a small table. A screen next to the stage projects actual images of Laramie, used to show change of settings.

The characters, citizens of Laramie, express their reaction to the Shepard hate crime.

The cast takes turns talking directly to the audience, often adding a “You know what I mean?”

Affecting the audience

Piescinski, narrator, and Moisés Kaufmann, the bailiff and a reporter, said overall, the weekend’s performances went well.

“We’ve had some really good interaction with the way the cast is presenting their lines and then also communicating with the audience,” Piescinski said. “You can see from

up there how connected the folks in the audience are to what we’re doing.”

Mazzaro said they have received wonderful responses from people who have seen the show. She said on Friday, the group performed to a full house.

“There’s a lot of talk about how affected people are by being here and experiencing it,” Mazzaro said. “So it seems to me the point of doing this show was to invoke thinking, I guess, and I think we’ve achieved that.”

Mazzaro said she was at Western Illinois University during the Shepard hate crime and can remember when it happened.

Mazzaro said performing the play makes the situation more personalized.

“I think, more than anything, that this script points out how it doesn’t matter where you are, that if things aren’t addressed – if things aren’t talked about – then you turn around and that horrible thing that you thought couldn’t happen here, has happened right there in front of you,” Mazzaro said.

Laramie similar to Charleston

Piescinski expressed similar sentiments.

He said Laramie is not that different from Charleston.

Piescinski works as a chemist and manager in Mattoon and announces various ceremonies and events at Eastern. He used to visit Laramie on business and also has a friend from Eastern in Laramie.

“You get (to Laramie) and it looks like Charleston,” Piescinski said. “Inside the town, you have homes that have the same architecture. The university’s only about 10,000 kids at Laramie, just like Eastern.”

He said the biggest buildings in the state of Wyoming are the two University of Wyoming residence halls that look just like Lawson and Andrews halls.

He said Laramie is a university town with many different types of personalities and people.

As Piescinski got further involved with “The Laramie Project,” he said he saw how relatable the play was to Charleston.

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housing and dining, attended the play to watch his son Andy perform.

He said he would have come anyway, but his son’s acting in the play was an extra incentive.

The proud father thought the entire performance was excellent.

“I think it’s a very powerful message of a very important topic,” Hudson said. “Hate’s a terrible thing, and this show demonstrates how it plays itself out in the worst possible form.”

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Keeping traditions in a modern world

Navajo culture discussed, explained at Tarble Arts Center

By Erin Matheny
Staff Reporter

When Mae Peshalakai first went to school at age 9, she faced obstacles from the beginning.

"I did not speak a word of English, not even 'yes' or 'no,'" she said.

Peshalakai is a Navajo Indian, and she and other Navajo students she went to school with were forced to speak only English.

But because they didn't know English, they barely spoke, out of fear of being punished.

Peshalakai, along with her sister Angela Maloney, her mother, Dorothy Walker, and her niece Shelby Nez, spoke at the Tarble Arts Center on Friday about the challenges the Navajo people have had to face and the difficulties of keeping the younger generations in the Navajo lifestyle.

The School of Family and Consumer Science's Diversity Committee sponsored the presentation in an effort to show students the importance of diversity.

"It is important to understand and appreciate our diversity and the opportunity to hear about their (the Navajo women's) customs and traditions and the struggle to keep them intact within their culture," said FCS professor Pat McCallister.

Another challenge Peshalakai faced at school was being placed into a different religion each year she was at school.

One year she would be Catholic; another, she would be Presbyterian. Despite being forced to accept a culture and religion outside of her own, Peshalakai said she felt no disconnection.

"Praying is praying," she said.

This attitude allowed her to retain her culture and language.

Peshalakai also spoke to the crowd about how bloodline is traced in Navajo families.

There are no second or third cousins, she said. The Navajo recognize their mother, father, siblings, maternal grandfather and paternal grandmother. Although other groups allow and encourage marriage within their clan or kin group, the Navajo do not allow marriage within the clan. Peshalakai explained that this keeps their bloodline pure.

Because younger generations have more options available to them, it is much different now than in generations past, Peshalakai said. The use of

the Navajo language is an example of this change.

Peshalakai said the children either do not want to or completely refuse to speak the language.

Another change in the Navajo culture is a shift in the balance of power.

Women are mostly in charge in the home, Peshalakai explained, using her mother as an example.

She described men as "guests" and said, as time goes on, men are claiming that they have rights.

Peshalakai described how, in the past, when men were not doing their job, the women would place their saddle and shoes outside so the men would take them and leave.

Now, men just keep bringing the saddle and shoes back inside, she joked.

Peshalakai's mother, Walker, also spoke at the event.

She used her daughter Maloney as a translator because she doesn't speak English.

Walker described her life and how she relates to the younger generation.

Walker's mother died when she was young, so her aunt raised her.

In addition to learning to weave early in her life, she had to perform all the duties for the camp. This included grinding corn, cooking food, collecting firewood and building fires.

Because she performed all the work for the camp, she did not attend formal school. Consequently, she speaks only Navajo, which limits her communication with younger generations.

In addition to her chores for her family, she learned the prayers and ceremonies of medicine men from her husband. When he passed away, she carried on the ceremonies as a medicine woman.

"(Medicine woman prayers are) what's protecting my family and what has brought us here to you," Walker said.

Walker had 12 children, although only three daughters and two sons are alive today.

Walker attributed the deaths of her infant children to the poor health care on the Indian reservation.

She had her first daughter, Mae, when she was 16 years old.

While raising her children, she performed all the cooking duties and brought some income by weaving rugs and selling them at the trading post.

Walker said when she started weaving, her rugs were very rough, but as she continued to weave and



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Three generations of Navajo women speak to a packed house in the Tarble Arts Center on Friday morning. Once the room was filled to capacity, people were refused entrance. The women discussed how they maintain their cultural traditions in contemporary society.

got to know the people who bought her rugs, her weaving improved.

A rug she brought to the lecture showed the combined work of the "master weaver," as her daughters referred to her, and four other family members. The piece took five years to weave.

Walker's great-granddaughter then introduced herself in the traditional Navajo way.

This includes saying her clan name and those of her mother, father, grandmother and maternal grandfather.

She quickly passed the microphone to Mae, however, who explained that Nez was still in training.

Nez is in the seventh level of her education and lives outside the reservation with her mother.

She attends the Clan Forest School and is the youngest member of the weaver's guild.

Nez recently participated in a coming-of-age ceremony in which she had to grind a 25-pound bag of corn kernels to make a cake, called earth cake.

The cake is then offered to the earth.

The ceremony takes about 24 hours and is performed to train the girls to be strong and have endurance throughout life.

The women closed the presentation with a song and dance that described the Navajo belief of beauty being within and all around.

Peshalakai explained that the song is passed down from grandmothers to granddaughters and encourages them to be good and maintain a positive way of life.

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STATE BRIEFS

U of I graduate killed in the line of duty

ILLIOPOLIS — State police say a 24-year-old trooper was killed during a three-vehicle crash near Illiopolis early Sunday morning. Trooper Brian McMillen was responding to a police agency when the accident happened. Police say the drivers of two other vehicles face charges for aggravated driving under the influence and improper lane use. McMillen is a 2005 graduate of the University of Illinois in Springfield. He is survived by his wife, parents and 10 siblings.

I-290 shut down after five die in car crash

CHICAGO — A 29-year-old man driving the wrong way on an expressway west of downtown early Sunday caused a fiery crash that left five people dead, including himself, state police said. The accident closed all the lanes on Interstate 290 for nearly three hours, said Illinois State Trooper Ivan Bukaczuk. “A man was driving a Volvo westbound in the eastbound lanes when he collided head-on with a BMW carrying four people,” Bukaczuk said.

Illiniwek reappears for U of I Homecoming

CHAMPAIGN — A day before Friday’s homecoming parade, University of Illinois officials overturned a ban on any likeness of Illiniwek in floats. The decision allows pictures to be used. Chancellor Richard Herman consulted with attorneys and other university officials and decided the policy restricted free speech. In February, the university retired the mascot, which led the NCAA to lift sanctions that had barred Illinois from hosting

7 students die in N.C. fire

USC and Clemson University students fled from beach house fire

The Associated Press

OCEAN ISLE BEACH, N.C. — An intense fire ravaged a beach house packed with more than a dozen college students early Sunday, killing seven and leaving little left of the structure but its charred frame and the stilts on which it stood. Six survivors were hospitalized and released, including one who jumped from the burning home and into a waterway, Mayor Debbie Smith said. The cause was being investigated. “There were three kids sitting on the ground screaming,” said newspaper deliverer Tim Burns, who called 911 after seeing a column of smoke rising from the house. “There was one guy hanging out the window, and he jumped in the canal. I know he got out because he was yelling for a girl to follow him.” Officials at the University of South Carolina said six of the students who died were from the school in Columbia; the seventh attended Clemson University. The six who survived were also from USC. The private home was being used by the owner’s daughter and a group of her friends, Smith said.

“These are young people in the prime of their life,” USC President Andrew Sorensen said at a news conference. “They had so much to look forward to, and it’s just profoundly tragic.” Students will have access to counselors, residence hall advisers and clergy members, Sorensen said. Classes will be held Monday. Dennis Pruitt, dean of students, said the fire appears to have affected two Greek organizations — the Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Earlier in the day, a campus minister at the sorority house declined to comment, as did an adult who answered the door at the fraternity house. Michelle Shimberg, national president of Delta Delta Delta, said in a statement that the sorority’s members were “devastated with the news of this tragedy and are doing everything we can to learn the facts about what occurred.” The fire struck sometime before 7 a.m. and burned completely through the first and second floors, leaving only part of the frame standing. The waterfront home — named “Changing Channels” — was built on stilts, forcing firefighters to climb a ladder onto the house’s deck to reach the first living floor.

“We ran down the street to get away,” said Nick Cain, a student at the University of North Carolina who was staying at a house about 100 feet away. “The ash and the smoke were coming down on us. We were just trying to get away.” Cain was one of the dozens of college students who filled at least four houses within a block of the burned home. Neighbor Jeff Newsome said the students were going back and forth between the houses all weekend long. “We didn’t have any big complaints,” Newsome said. “The lights were on all night. They were having a good time.” Winds blowing flames over the water, and not toward any of the other residences on the tightly packed row of vacation homes, kept the fire from spreading. The intense heat kept Burns and others from attempting a rescue, although he said he had to fight to keep several of those who escaped from trying. When he approached the front door, he said, it was too hot to open. “When I was going up to the entryway, you could hear the windows above me explode,” Burns said. “When I knew the flames had taken over, I don’t think I’ve ever felt as helpless in my life.”

NY school testing for MRSA

High school employee, third-grade student show staph infection signs

The Associated Press

MOUNT VERNON, N.Y. — Public schools in Mount Vernon are being disinfected after a worker and a student showed signs of an antibiotic-resistant staph infection, authorities said. Schools Superintendent W. L. Tony Sawyer said a high school

employee and a third-grade student are being tested for MRSA, or methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus. The bacterial strain can be treated with other antibiotics, but without treatment it can be deadly. Sawyer said the two will stay home from the schools — Edward Williams Elementary and Nelson Mandela Community High — until the test results are known. Sawyer said that if either tests positive, the school system will redouble its efforts to disinfect. But medical

authorities have said the schools will not need to close, he said. The bacteria was blamed for the death of a 17-year-old Virginia high school senior and a 12-year-old New York City middle school student this month. At least seven students on New York’s Long Island were recently diagnosed with MRSA, as were 10 members of an athletic team at Iona College in New Rochelle, N.Y. However, a government report has estimated it may sicken more than 90,000 Americans each year.

NATION BRIEFS

Metal shavings discovered in space station

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Spacewalking astronauts doing construction work outside the international space station Sunday made a disturbing discovery: what appear to be metal shavings inside a joint that is needed to turn a set of solar power panels. The rotary joint, 10 feet in diameter, has experienced intermittent vibrations and power spikes for nearly two months. Space station managers were hoping a thermal cover or bolt might be hanging up the mechanism, which would have been relatively easy to fix, and were disheartened when Daniel Tani radioed down that metal shavings were everywhere.

Calif. fire crews make progress Saturday

SAN DIEGO — Survivors of firestorms that destroyed more than 2,000 homes in Southern California found reasons Sunday to be thankful even as the damage toll mounted and firefighters worked to contain blazes. Fire officials kept an eye on warm, dry weather that moved in behind a moist, tropical system that allowed fire crews to make gains Saturday. Winds up to 15 mph were expected but weren’t considered a problem. But there was a possibility of strong offshore winds in another seven days, he said.

16th tropical depression forms in the Atlantic

MIAMI — A tropical depression moved northwest across the Caribbean on Sunday, prompting storm warnings in Haiti and watches in Cuba and Jamaica, where it could bring more than 10 inches of rain, forecasters said. The depression, the 16th of the Atlantic hurricane system, was on the verge of strengthening into a tropical storm late Sunday, when it would be named ‘Noel,’ according to the National Hurricane Center.

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Eastern drops rival match Friday against Samford

STEINHAUS, FROM PAGE 12

The Lemont native's first goal came off a corner kick by Eastern sophomore midfielder Alexis Miller. Miller crossed the ball from the left side and Steinhaus headed the ball in. Miller leads the team with six assists. Steinhaus scored again shortly before the half in part to Eastern junior midfielder Lindsey Wilkening and Eastern freshman forward Kaitlin Sullivan. Wilkening sent the ball down the line to Sullivan, who centered the ball to Steinhaus. Steinhaus then kicked the ball to the right of JSU's senior goalkeeper Elizabeth Selasky. " (Sullivan) made an awesome run down the sideline," Steinhaus said. Steinhaus almost had a hat trick (three goals), but a JSU defender blocked a shot in the 65th minute when she tried to kick back into the net off a Miller corner-kick cross. "I don't want to be selfish player,"

Steinhaus said. Steinhaus took six shots in the game, four of which were on goal. Steinhaus leads the team with eight goals and 16 points. She has 11 career game-winning goals, which is second all-time in program history. It is the second time this season Steinhaus has scored two goals in a match this season. She scored two goals against Eastern Michigan on Aug. 31 in the season opener. " (Steinhaus) stepped up today," Eastern head coach Tim Nowak. "Going into postseason, you want to have your go-to players feeling good. She understands the moment. She understands the importance of the game." The Panthers out shot JSU 23-3 Sunday. Eastern sophomore goalkeeper Jenny Williams made two saves Sunday. The Panthers lost 3-1 Friday against Samford.

VOLLEYBALL | WEEKEND MATCHES

Eastern swept on the road

By Adam Tedder
Sports Editor

The Panthers dropped their record to 11-14 and 4-12 in the Ohio Valley Conference after losing to Morehead State and Eastern Kentucky this past weekend. Sophomore libero Shaina Boylan did not participate in this

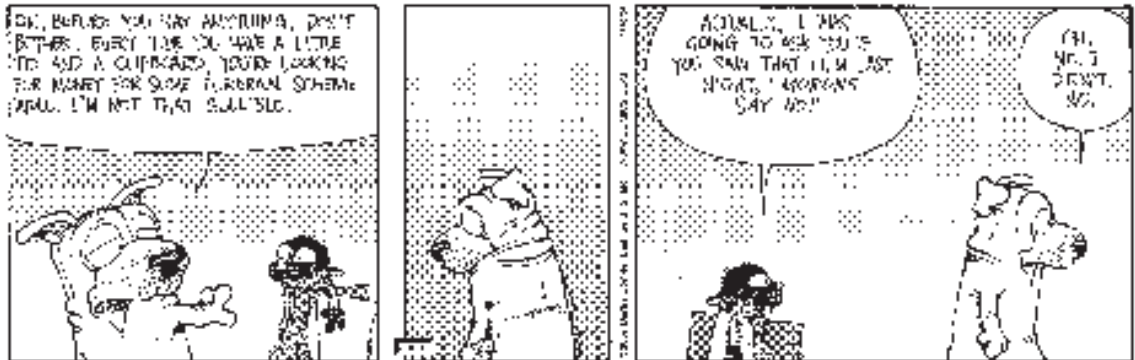
weekend's matches because of illness. Freshman outside hitter Erin Hake filled in. The Panthers were swept Friday night (30-23, 30-18, 30-17) by Morehead State. Junior middle hitter Lauren Sopcic led the Panthers with five kills. The Colonels defeated Eastern

3-1 Saturday (30-26, 31-29, 26-30, 30-17). Red-shirt sophomore setter Lauren Schutte made her third start of the season in place of senior setter Maren Crabtree. Schutte had 53 assists. Hake had 17 digs for her second consecutive start as setter. EKU's Amanda Wilson had led the Colonels with 18 kills.

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | BY STEPHAN PASTIS



GET FUZZY | BY DARBY CONLEY



Panthers to play spoiler

TEDDER, FROM PAGE 12

With four remaining matches, the Panthers can still concentrate on winning and finishing strong. The Panthers will play against Samford (13-12, 8-8), Jacksonville State (15-8, 12-4), Murray State (14-11, 11-4), and Austin Peay (8-20, 3-13) in its remaining matches. JSU, Murray and Samford are all currently ranked in the top six spots in the OVC standings. Though there will be no tournament to compete in, there are plenty of areas Eastern can improve. All season, OVC coaches have talked about how uncertain the final placing of teams would be this season. This season has had many upsets and unpredictable outcomes. But, alas, it seems the OVC standings are taking their final shape. But once the tournament begins, a favorite for the champion is still up in the air. That is where Eastern still has a role in the rest of the season. Even top-ranked teams Morehead and Murray State coaches say Eastern Illinois' record doesn't fairly represent them. The Panthers, with three high-ranked opponents left, can still play the spoiler role or at least shake up the OVC standings. It would also be a personal message to the rest of the OVC that Eastern Illinois will not give up and will be a force to be reckoned with next season.

Another reason the Panthers need to finish strong is they have been playing many young players this season and have begun to play more of the bench the past three weeks. Freshman outside hitter Erin Hake started at the libero position twice, and red-shirt sophomore Lauren Schutte made her third start of the season at setter. Freshmen outside hitters Alex Zwettler and Kelsey Orr have become comfortable in their roles on the team, as they have played a majority of matches this season. Zwettler has played in 23-of-25 matches and 87 games, and Orr has played in 96 games and started 21 matches while playing in 25. Winning out the rest of the season will also give the returning players the momentum they will need to reflect upon in the off season. For players not returning next season, these last matches will be significant because they will be the last of some player's careers. And what better way to go out than in a winning fashion. Currently, the Panthers are on a three-match losing streak. To all players, returning or not, a four-match winning streak or a few more wins will look better and be more productive to the team they have been a part of. The season may end for the Panthers, where other teams season will continue, but the rest of the season will still be there. And a strong finish will matter.

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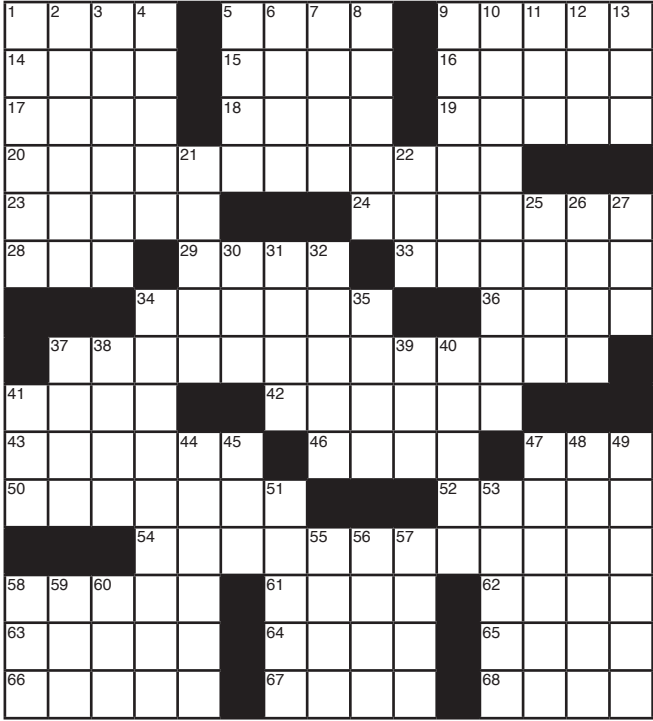
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- 1 With 68-Across, bell ringer
 - 5 Doing nothing
 - 9 Speechify
 - 14 Fashion designer Rabanne
 - 15 Vehicle on tracks
 - 16 Puglist
 - 17 No. on a bank statement
 - 18 Grotto
 - 19 Material for Elvis's blue shoes
 - 20 Bell ringer
 - 23 "California, ____ Come"
 - 24 Spouse's meek agreement
 - 28 See 52-Across
 - 29 Cy Young Award winner Blue
 - 33 Home that may have a live-in butler
 - 34 Less certain
 - 36 Archaeological site
 - 37 Bell ringer
 - 41 Go backpacking
 - 42 Inside info for an investor, maybe
 - 43 Sheep's cries
 - 46 Unskilled laborer
 - 47 Ordinal suffix
 - 50 Kids' game involving an unwanted card
 - 52 With 28-Across, winner of golf's 1997 U.S. Open
 - 54 Bell ringer
 - 58 Org.
 - 61 Club that's not a wood
 - 62 AI or Tipper
 - 63 Book after Jonah
 - 64 Emperor who reputedly fiddled while Rome burned
 - 65 God of love
 - 66 "Lord, ____?" (biblical query)
 - 67 Pop music's Bee ____
 - 68 See 1-Across

- DOWN
- 1 Geronimo's tribe
 - 2 Poet Lindsay
 - 3 Happens
 - 4 ____ Dame
 - 5 Poison ivy symptom
 - 6 Sketch
 - 7 ____ lamp (1960s novelty)
 - 8 Manicurist's item
 - 9 Dwell (on)

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- 12 Slugger Williams
- 13 "Able was I ____ I saw Elba"
- 21 Honda model
- 22 Joey with the Starliners
- 25 Waters, informally
- 26 Going ____ (fighting)
- 27 Stimp's cartoon pal
- 30 Post-op spot, for short
- 31 One running away with a spoon, in a children's rhyme
- 32 Greek fabulist
- 34 Hearthrob
- 35 Baptism or bar mitzvah
- 37 Bit of medicine
- 38 Squeezed (out)
- 39 Palindromic tribe name
- 40 Forty-____ (gold rush participant)
- 41 "Curb Your Enthusiasm" aier
- 44 Chinese martial art
- 45 "____ em!"
- 47 "Bewitched" witch
- 48 Steering system component
- 49 Religious dissent
- 51 Faulkner's "As I Lay ____"
- 53 Star in Orion
- 55 Native Canadian
- 56 Stories passed down through generations
- 57 1961 space chimp
- 58 Pal in Paris
- 59 ____ boom bah
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MEN’S SOCCER | EASTERN 3, WESTERN KENTUCKY 1

Cards galore in road victory

Peters, Galeski and Maubach score in Panthers victory

By Dan Cusack
Staff Reporter

To say the referees in the Eastern against Western Kentucky game were busy Saturday would be an understatement.

The two teams combined for 27 fouls, 11 yellow cards and two red cards.

But when it was all said and done, the Panthers (10-4-3, 2-2-1 Missouri Valley Conference) defeated Western Kentucky (2-11-4, 0-4-

1) 3-1 in Bowling Green, Ky.

Eastern head coach Adam Howarth was pleased his team was able to have a tough road victory.

“That was just a grind-it-out type of game,” Howarth said. “There were a lot of yellow and red cards. It was a tough place to play we just battled.”

The Panthers dominated the first half of the game scoring all three of their goals in the first 45 minutes.

Senior defender Jeremy Maubach scored his first collegiate goal in the sixth minute of the match to give the Panthers an early lead.

“It was off a set piece throw-in,” Maubach said. “Mick flicked

it into the box. Their player took a terrible touch, and I just took it off him and kicked it in.”

Senior midfielder Mick Galeski and junior defender Adam Gartner assisted on the goal.

Western Kentucky tied the game soon after when WKU’s junior midfielder Bernard Airo scored off a corner in the 14th minute.

After that, it was all Panthers.

For the fourth time this season, teammates Galeski and junior forward Brad Peters found the back of the net.

Peters struck first recording his 11th goal of the season of an assist from Galeski. Peters’ goal tied his season total from last season when

he beat the goalie with a strike off the outside of his foot.

Galeski scored his seventh goal of the season with 50 seconds left in the first half.

Freshman midfielder Darby Kehoe played the ball to Galeski, who nailed a strike to the bottom left-hand corner of the goal.

Eastern was able to shut down WKU’s 6-foot-, 5-inch forward Andy Masteller with a number of defensive schemes.

“On all set pieces we doubled him,” Maubach said. “We always had one person in front of him to stop him from getting the ball.”

Eastern junior goalkeeper Mark Hansen started for the first time

for the Panthers since the Sept. 25 match against Western Illinois.

The goalkeeper responded with five saves in 90 minutes of work.

Bowling Green had been pounded by rain all week, but the field held up for the match.

“The field was in great shape,” Howarth said. “There was even a women’s game on the field Friday, and it looked great.”

The win for the Panthers guarantees the team a spot in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament next month in Omaha, Neb.

The Panthers will look for their third conference win of the season against Bradley (9-4-3, 2-0-2) at 2 p.m. Saturday at Lakeside Field.

RUGBY | EASTERN ILLINOIS 98, EASTERN KENTUCKY 0



KEVIN KENEALY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Junior Molly Clutter (left) hugs senior scrum-half Marlise Davidson following EIU’s 98-0 victory against Eastern Kentucky on Saturday at the last home match of the season at Lakeside Rugby Field.

Panthers blow out EKU in final home match of the season

By Ashley Moreland
Staff Reporter

Eastern Illinois’ three seniors said goodbye Saturday at Lakeside Rugby Field.

The Panthers played their last home match Saturday and defeated Eastern Kentucky 98-0.

Prior to kickoff, the team, friends, family and fans honored the three seniors: scrum-half Marlise Davidson, prop Jaki Brophy and flyhalf Eileen O’Rourke.

Davidson was recruited from Indian Rocks Christian High School (Clearwater, Fla.); Brophy transferred from Malaspina University (British Columbia) in 2005; and O’Rourke joined the team in 2004 as a walk-on.

Junior wing Samantha Manto said both Davidson and Brophy had a great game, and even though O’Rourke could not play because of a knee injury earlier in the season, she helped the team in many ways.

“Eileen is still a great leader from the sideline,” sophomore fullback Ashley Jenkins said. “She watches

and coaches and yells at us when we are being stupid.”

Manto opened and closed the match for the Panthers. Within the first 30 seconds she scored her first try of the game. She went on to score five more tries, including the last one of the game with just more than a minute left to play.

The Panthers dominated the field in the first half. The Colonels were able to win the most scrums; however, they lacked the speed and strength of the Panthers.

“We were in sync and in our element and noticed their weaknesses right away,” Jenkins said.

The Panthers led 61-0 at the end of the first half. Junior center Molly Clutter scored three tries, and sophomore 8 Stephanie Militello, Brophy, Davidson and sophomore center Crystal Jones each had one. Brophy also added three conversions.

The Panthers seemed worn out as the second half started. The Colonels reacted, seeing it as an opportunity to make a comeback.

“At the beginning of the second half they took advantage of us being

out of position by kicking the ball over our heads and putting us back on our own goal line,” junior flyhalf Amanda Fromm said.

Their efforts, however, were unsuccessful. By the last 20 minutes the Panthers were able to regain their momentum. They still struggled with the scrums; however, they were able to dominate possession of the ball and keep the Colonels from their try zone.

Junior hooker Ashley Lukaszewski said they practiced hard in preparation for the game and they all came together to earn the win.

“I think that the game today was played very well by all of us,” Fromm said. “We played as a team today, and when we do that, we are very hard to stop.”

“It was a good confidence builder for (Illinois) next week,” Manto said. “If we keep the good defense up we should be able to get the job done with no scoring on their end.”

The Panthers will take on the University of Illinois Saturday and the South Carolina All-Stars on Nov. 9.

SWIMMING | EASTERN VS. EVANSVILLE

Panthers split home dual meet

Men’s team at 2-2’ women’s team remains winless this season

By Ross Meister
Staff Reporter

The noise level in Lantz Natatorium was at its highest during the 400-yard medley races on Saturday.

The intense volume proved these were the most exciting events of the meet.

Eastern’s men and women’s swim teams split the home meet with Evansville, when the men won 147-94, and the women lost 140-101.

The men’s team (2-2) has now reached the .500 mark while the women’s team remains winless at 0-4.

“I think we did pretty well,” sophomore Lauren Zillmer said. They were doing well; it wasn’t as close as I thought it would be. We started winning the relay, so that was good. Last year, we won at the Panther Invitational, so it would be good to win this weekend.”

Though the women’s team lost, there were individual winners, including sophomore Laura Nilsen in the 200-yard individual medley (2 minutes, 15.27 seconds), Zillmer in the 100-yard freestyle (54.70), and sophomore Emily Immel in the 500-yard freestyle (5:30.37).

“Nilsen had a season-best in the 100-Free, and she did really well with a season best in the 200-IM,” senior Patty Young said. “I wasn’t the happiest with my time. I hope next weekend I do better; it’s the Panther Invitational, and that’s our big meet.”

One of the Panther’s relay teams stepped up, winning the 400-yard

medley relay with Nilsen, Young, senior Jen Beresheim and Zillmer finishing with a time of 4:06.66.

“The medley relay team won, so that was a good change,” Young said. “It was a good start to the meet. Even though we didn’t win the whole meet, it was a good way to boost our spirits.”

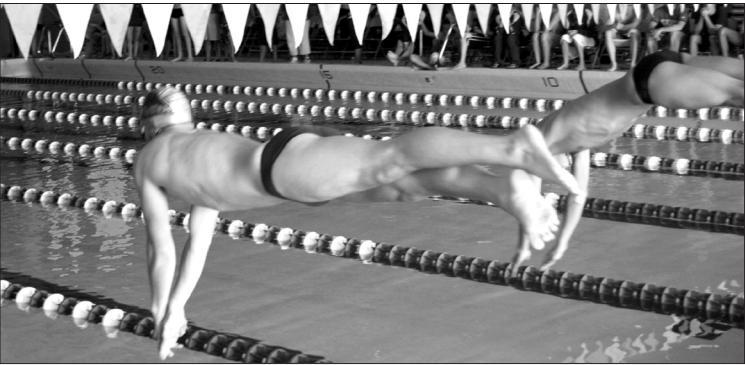
On the men’s side, junior Brent Noble came up big in the distance races, including first place finishes in the 1,000-yard freestyle (10:29.69) and the 500-yard freestyle (4:57.65), something Eastern head coach Ray Padovan had addressed as a weakness prior to the meet against Evansville.

The team also had strong finishes in the 50-yard freestyle by freshman Jayson Shine (22.42), in the 200-yard butterfly by freshman Nathan Moritz (2:03.67) and freshman Matt Scaliatine in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:13.28).

The men’s relay teams also picked up the pace, winning both races in the 400-yard medley relay, which included junior Thomas Showers, Scaliatine, senior Tim O’Hagan and sophomore Matt Crittenden finished in 3:41.48. In the 400-yard freestyle relay, the team comprised of junior Joe Ethington, senior Matt Latham, Crittenden and freshman Caleb Arthur won finished in 3:15.23. Junior diver Joe Laird continued his strong season when he won both the one-meter (243.70) and three-meter (266.90) dives.

The next meet for the teams is next weekend when they host the Panther Invitational with Evansville, Indiana-Purdue-Indianapolis, Lincoln College and Valparaiso.

Competition will begin 5 p.m. Friday at Lantz Natatorium.



KEVIN KENEALY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Swimmers dive into the pool in Saturday’s meet against Evansville at Lantz Natatorium. The men won 147-94, and the women lost 140-101.

CROSS COUNTRY | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Both teams finish fifth in Alabama

By Brandy Provaznik
Sports Reporter

As if someone had hit the rewind button for the women's team, Eastern head coach Geoff Masanet watched the women's race unfold and the pack fall apart at the same spot the men's had, not an hour earlier, in the Ohio Valley Conference Championships on Saturday.

It was about a mile and a half into the race for the men and three-fourths of a mile for the women when Masanet said it seemed like the runners just spaced out and became complacent.

"They were in the top pack, and then they hit that point, and the top pack began to split up – and EIU didn't catch on or keep up; they just stayed back in the second pack, until it was too late," Masanet said.

Both the men and women placed fifth overall in the conference.

The men placed fifth last year as well, but this year was different than the last.

Last year, the Panthers only had one freshman in the top five.

This year, all five were freshman.

For this year, the competition across the board was stronger than last, said sophomore David Holm.

Eastern Kentucky won the men's team race (8,000 meters) with 29 points, followed by Jacksonville State, Morehead State and Southeast Missouri.

EKU took first in the women's race (5,000 meters), followed by Samford, Southeast Missouri and Murray State.

This year, instead of running for the Panthers and placing within the top five, senior Brad Butler was running around the course, encouraging his teammates.

"Butler giving up his senior season and red-shirting just showed us all how much heart he has and made me want to run the race for him," said

freshman Brad LaRocque.

Butler finished fifth in the OVC last year with a time of 25 minutes and 34 seconds, but decided to sit out this year to help build a stronger team for next year.

"There is no doubt in my mind that if Brad was in the race, we would have placed higher," Masanet said. "If he had been in there, I know he would have helped pull those other guys up a bit and make them run a little more aggressively."

Eastern's top finisher, LaRocque, finished with a time of 26:03.71. He said when the pack started to fall apart, he was running closely to fel-

low freshman Ryan Hoklas, and they weren't sure what to do.

"We were like, 'Should we wait for our guys, or will they follow us if we take off and keep up with that top group?'" LaRocque said. "And by the time we decided to go, it was too late."

Sophomore Erin O'Grady came in 15th place for the women and finished in 19:18.55. Freshman Caitlin Napoleoni came in next, in 18th, in 19:30.74.

Samford senior Lauren Blankenship won the conference meet in 17:26.34. It was her third conference title.

Bess has first 100-yard game

FROM BESS, PAGE 12

But Bess won't win any style points for his awkward-looking throw on 3rd-and-goal from TSU's 8-yard line.

On the play, Reeder tossed the ball to Bess on the right side, behind the line of scrimmage. Rucker ran toward the end zone and tried to get open. A Tennessee State defensive back had Rucker adequately covered and, for a moment, it appeared Bess would tuck the ball down and run.

Bess said the defender covering Rucker had his back turned, and he felt pressure coming from TSU's defensive line.

Bess decided to throw – or, more accurately, shot put – the ball to Rucker.

Bess leaned forward with his left leg in front and released the ball with his right hand close to his helmet. He never followed through on the throw, and the ball wobbled toward Rucker.

"It was a special play we'd been practicing all week, so I was pretty confident," Bess said. "That was an ugly pass, man. I just tried to get it out in the air and let Rucker make a play on it."



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Senior running back Ademola Adeniji tries to break free of a tackle against the Tennessee State defensive backs Saturday evening at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn. The Panthers finished with 351 yards of total rushing yards against the Tigers.

ly against his team.

"If you had told me before the game that they'd rush for 300 some yards on our side, I'd (have) told you (that you) were not telling the truth," Webster said. "There were some plays where we were supposed to (be) inside, and we were outside. And then there were a couple times I saw where we didn't tackle well. We'd hit

them and fall off."

Adeniji led the way with 155 yards on 30 carries and a touchdown. It was the third time Adeniji rushed for more than 100 yards in the Panthers' last four games.

Bess had his first-ever 100-yard game, picking up 127 yards on 15 carries and a touchdown.

Panthers rally in second half

FROM WILKE, PAGE 12

Freshman punter Kevin Cook, holder on the kick, said he doesn't even remember putting the ball down because his adrenaline was so high.

"I do it so many times every day in practice, that it's just 'Catch it; put it down,'" he said.

The Panthers' final drive started on their own 36 with 3:48 left to play. The Panthers led 35-28 before Terrence Wright's two-yard touchdown run tied the game at 35.

Eastern moved into TSU territory after its first play, a 17-yard run from wide receiver John Gadson. A key block from junior fullback Trent Steckel keyed Gadson's ability to get upfield before being tackled at TSU's 47.

After two straight runs by senior running back Ademola Adeniji set up a 3rd-and-2 on TSU's 39, Adeniji ran 10 yards up the middle for the first down.

Wilke, whose career long is from 45 yards out, had told offensive coordinator Jorge Munoz at the beginning of the drive that Eastern would be within his range if the Panthers got to TSU's 30.

Munoz said because the Panthers were successful with the run on their final drive, he just stuck with it in his play calling.

"When we first initially started the drive, we were thinking, 'Go down and score (a touchdown).'" he said. "We started getting some positive yards there and didn't feel like we

had to throw it just yet. That's what forced us going into the field goal, was being so successful in the run."

After Steckel's three-yard run up the middle on 3rd-and-1 put the Panthers at TSU's 17, Reeder handed off to Adeniji and junior running back Travorus Bess on the next two plays. Bess' two-yard run kept the Panthers in the middle of the field, setting up Wilke's heroics.

Wilke's kick ruined TSU's chances to come back after giving away its early lead.

Thanks to two interception returns for touchdowns by Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie and Marquez Hall in the first half, the Tigers led 21-7 with 14:41 left in the second quarter. Rodgers-Cromartie picked off Eastern sophomore quarterback Bodie Reeder's pass, which was intended for senior wide receiver Micah Rucker at his own 31. He ran 69 yards down the right side of the field for a touchdown with nine minutes left in the first quarter.

Hall intercepted a pass intended for Bess at his own 22 early in the second quarter.

After cutting back toward midfield around the 50, he went untouched down the left side of the field for a 78-yard touchdown return.

"The thing we knew we had to do was take Rucker out of the game," TSU head coach James Webster said. "Getting the two interceptions, bringing them back for touchdowns – that was big. I think it made them cut back on their passing game."

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Senior scrum-half Marlise Davidson embraces a rugby player as she enjoys her last home victory Saturday.

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3 TRIPLE THREAT



Trinity Tigers

In dramatic fashion, the Division III Trinity Tigers (above) were able to come back to beat the Millsaps Majors 28-24 with a remarkable 15-lateral play. It was a play recorded as a 44-yard pass from quarterback Blake Barmore to wide receiver Riley Curry. The win is considered an upset because the Majors are defending conference champions in Jackson, Miss.

Here are three comeback wins that fall sport programs have had this season.

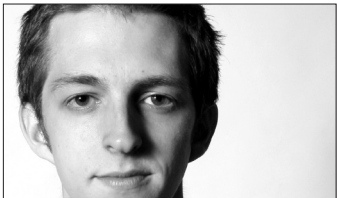
1. Football — The Panthers were trailing 13-7 at halftime in the Oct. 20 Homecoming game. Eastern scored 22 second-half points to overcome and defeat Tennessee Martin 29-23.

Senior running back Ademola Adeniji had 81 rushing yards on 19 carries. Senior wide receiver Micah Rucker had two touchdowns and 98 receiving yards.

2. Soccer — The women's soccer team was able to score three second-half goals to overcome a 1-0 half-time deficit against Eastern Michigan. The win happened in the season opener Aug. 31 on the road.

3. Volleyball — The Panthers were able to defeat Austin Peay in five games Oct. 5 after trailing 2-1. The Panthers were on the road for the victory. Senior setter Maren Crabtree had 70 assists for the match.

— Adam Tedder



ADAM TEDDER

Strong finish will matter

In what was possibly the biggest matchup of the late season for the Panthers, Eastern was unable to pull out a few key wins.

The Panthers were swept by Ohio Valley Conference opponents Morehead State (18-8, 12-3 OVC) and Eastern Kentucky (4-21, 3-12) this past weekend.

With the weekend losses, the Panthers are now mathematically eliminated from contention to compete in the OVC Tournament on Nov. 15.

It's disappointing for a season that began so strong to come to this. The Panthers started their preseason at 7-2.

But the season is not over yet.

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FOOTBALL | EASTERN 38, TENNESSEE STATE 35



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Eastern senior kicker Tyler Wilke kicks the game-winning field goal as time expired against Tennessee State Saturday at LP Field in Nashville, Tenn. The Panthers won 38-35.

RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE

Wilke's 30-yard field goal as time expires gives Panthers dramatic win

By Matt Daniels
Staff Reporter

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tyler Wilke normally stands away from his teammates during a game.

Generally, the junior kicker can be found practicing his kicks or standing on the sidelines while the Panthers offensive and defensive units huddle on their respective benches.

Most of the Panthers chose to stay away and not even talk to Wilke with only three seconds left in Saturday's game against Tennessee State.

This was before Wilke jogged out

near TSU's 20-yard line with the game tied at 35.

But everybody wanted to celebrate with him after the game.

Wilke's 30-yard field goal went straight down the middle as time expired to give Eastern a 38-35 win against the Tigers.

The 6-foot-4, 194-pound Wilke said from the moment he struck the ball, he knew it was good.

"I looked up, saw it and took off running," Wilke said. "While we were sitting on the sidelines and it started to tick down, I was like, 'Man, how do I want to celebrate this after I make it?' That was the first thing that came to my mind. I just took off running. That's what all the other kickers do."

The win keeps Eastern's hopes alive for a Football Championship

Subdivision playoff berth.

The Panthers (6-3, 5-1 Ohio Valley Conference) currently sit alone in second place behind league leader Eastern Kentucky (7-2, 6-0).

Wilke had made four of his nine field goal attempts coming into Saturday, the lowest field goal percentage of any OVC kicker.

Wilke's game-winning kick at LP Field, home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans, was his only successful field goal attempt of four in Eastern's last four games.

"Maybe it's the pro goalposts. It was a great kick under a lot of pressure," said Eastern head coach Bob Spoo. "Kickers — they don't get a lot of recognition, but when you come through like that, it's big time."

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SPOTLIGHT

Wobbly throw turns out great

Bess' touchdown pass helps Panthers eke by Tigers

By Matt Daniels
Staff Reporter

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Trevor Bess won't vie to become Eastern's quarterback anytime soon.

Bess will continue to churn out yards on the ground like he's proven he can do, even with Bodie Reeder's sub-par performance Saturday at Tennessee State.

Bess' eight-yard touchdown pass to Micah Rucker midway through the fourth quarter gave Eastern a 35-28 lead against the Tigers. The Panthers (6-3, 5-1 Ohio Valley Conference) eventually won 38-35 on Tyler Wilke's last-second 30-yard field goal to stay in second place in the league and have a shot at a Football Championship Subdivision playoff berth.

But it was the play of Bess and his counterpart in the backfield, Ademola Adeniji, that kept the Panthers in the game, done mostly via the ground — except for Bess' touchdown pass.

Eastern had put Bess' play into the playbook last week during practice, offensive coordinator Jorge Munoz said.

The 5-foot-9, 176-pound Bess was chosen as the thrower because Munoz said he had the best arm.

"We teased him all week about it," Munoz said. "We actually told him, 'It's got to be wide open or don't throw it.' When you throw it up to (senior wide receiver Micah) Rucker, good things will happen."

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WOMEN'S SOCCER | WEEKEND MATCHES

Steinhaus scores twice on Senior Day

Panthers qualify for the OVC Tournament with Sunday win

By Kevin Murphy
Associate Sports Editor

Eastern senior forward Michelle Steinhaus only needed to be in the right place at the right time once Sunday.

But she was there twice on Senior Day.

Steinhaus scored twice against Jacksonville State (4-12-1, 2-6-1 Ohio Valley Conference) to propel Eastern (7-9-1, 4-5) into the OVC Tournament as the sixth seed.

The Panthers finish the season in the lowest spot, but they have made the OVC Tournament every sea-

son since 1998, when the Panthers entered the OVC.

The Panthers will play the No. 3 seed Murray State on Nov. 6 in Murray, Ky.

"I'm so proud of (Steinhaus)," Eastern junior forward Pam Melinauskas said. "She shot when she was able to shoot, and she made a lot of good crosses. She didn't play selfish."

Steinhaus scored in the 21st and the 42nd minute Sunday at a sloppy Lakeside Field, which was muddy and wet because of thunderstorms during the past week.

"The whole day was emotional even before the game started," Steinhaus said. "I'm just glad I can come through for my team regardless of Senior Day. I'm a senior; I'm supposed to lead the team."

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Senior midfielder Kathleen Hayes is taken down during Friday's match against Samford at Lakeside Field. The Panthers lost 3-1.